

Class 3 Times

UNCLE SAM GETTING
NIFTY WITH JAVELIN

**Americans Have Improved
Thirty Feet in Last
Four Years.**

CLOSE AFTER LEMMING		
By SPRINTER.		
Fox.	Competitor and Country.	Notes.
1—	Eric Lemming, Sweden.....	60.49
2—	J. Saaristo, Finland.....	74.68
3—	M. Kovacs, Hungary.....	85.29
4—	J. Halmé, Finland.....	85.29

7	A. Halse, Norway	51.38
8	J. Myrre, Finland	51.40
9	U. Peltonen, Finland	49.28
10	O. Nilsson, Sweden	49.19
11	H. Sonne, Sweden	52.52
12	D. W. Johansson, Norway	47.61
13	B. Ohlsson, Sweden	46.44
14	U. Isgum, Sweden	46.44
15	Dahl, Sweden	46.67
16	A. Ohlsson, Sweden	46.67
17	N. Nylund, Finland	46.67

20-N. Schwedert, Russia	43.18
21-A. Larzen, Sweden	43.18
22-G. Maitland, Germany	43.18
23-P. Willfahr, Germany	43.05

It sounds like the roll call of the Nordic European Socialists, but it isn't. It is only the Socialist Finnish of the javelin throw at the last Olympic Games, which took place in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912. Turn on the searchlight, gaze through the most powerful telescope at hand and try to find an American. You won't. There isn't such a thing on the list.

When Uncle Sammy, undisputed and undefeated athletic champion of the world, was elected to the man in the Olympic event there's something to be said. And yet, though Old Glory was represented by a whole army of athletes at the 1912 Olympics, many were the Yankees Doodle boys—except the one and not a single stalwart son of the little

But cheer up. If the bird of peace ever does consent to alight on the world again and things resume a natural enough state to permit the various countries to assemble representatives in a Olympic meet Uncle Sam will not again be among the missing when the returns of the javelin throw are received. So sir-e-e. Not by a jugful!

Uncle Sam Stung.

That javelin throw shout at St. John'sholm stung Uncle Sammy to the quick and ever since then the skinny old boy with the goatee has been doing some

As a result of the javelin competition hereabouts Uncle Sam has developed some javelin throwers well worthy of testing Europe's best. Young George Bronder and Jimmy Lincoln, from right here in little old New York, Higgins of Illinois, Arbuckle of Indiana, Liveredgie and Gildersleeve of California, all would

To give an idea of how Uncle Sam has progressed in tossing the hated spear, it is only necessary to give the results of the national championships in javelin competition since 1912. The world record for the javelin is 294 feet 5 1/2 inches, and was made by Eric Lemming, the stalwart Stockholm policeman, in 1912.

How We Progressed.

The same year Harry Lott of the Mohawk A. C. of New York won the national javelin championship of America with a throw of 162.65 feet, for a distance of 535 feet 10 inches. In 1913 Bruno Brund of the Irish American A. C. won the American championship with an even poorer throw, 161 feet

show improvement. George Brander, then attending Poly Prep in Brooklyn, captured the national title with a throw of 146 feet 8½ inches. Brander added a matter of ten feet in the following twelve months, winning the national javelin title in 1915 with 177 feet 7½ inches.

George kept on improving, and when the national championships were held in Weequahic Park, New York, he was the surprise of the sport, for he had not surpassed the sporting world by winning the javelin title with the great throw of 190 feet 6 inches, establishing a new American record. From 1912 to 1916 American javelin throwers improved

All Near 100 Feet.

Only recently at the Conference championships in Chicago, Higgins of Chicago won the javelin throw with the great heave of 194 feet 11 inches, less than two feet behind Lemming's world record. There was a strong wind behind Higgins, and consequently his throw could be accepted as an American record. With Bronder, Arbuckle and Higgins all throwing around 190 feet, however, it will not be long before one of them soon passes the coveted 200 foot mark. They look out for Lemming's world record.

Uncle Sam is the logical javelin champion.

of his rivals. In javelin throwing, H plays a more important part than strength. In javelin throwing, one has to throw a missile 100 feet or more as in shot putting. When it comes to throwing Americans should have an edge over all other nationalities. Almost every American plays baseball from boyhood up, and in baseball the muscles used in throwing constantly are being exercised in a strenuous way.

There is no doubt but that there are half a dozen professional baseball players in this country who, with proper schooling and training, would throw a javelin more than 100 feet. In fact, a javelin thrower in the Olympics would

Schneider is just the right build for a javelin thrower, and we would be willing to wager a Liberty Bond against a plugged nickel that under a coach like Lawson Robertson of the University of Pennsylvania Schneider in less than six months time could be taught to throw a

There Were Reasons.

The reasons why Swedan and Ford made such a splendid showing in the javelin throw at Stockholm and why America showed so poorly are the javelin throwing competitions generally were featured in Sweden, while here in 1912 little attention was paid to javelin.

For years before the Stockholm event, Javelin throwing was made its feature event in all Swedish and Finnish games. Javelin throwing competitors in this country were few and far between, and the event always was substituted to other contests on the programme. Hence there was little interest to get young Americans started

no encouragement.

America will continue to progress in javelin throwing as long as the innovations are featured in games produced here. All the sport needs is more encouragement. One of these days a tall armed long waisted Yankee will dash forth with a throw that will make

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